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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION: GENEVA TALKS ON CYPRUS

1. AL RIYADH IN A COLUMN CALLED "WINDOW ON THE WORLD" OBLIQUELY CRITICIES THE U.S. FOR ACTING SLOWLY, BUT GIVES U.S. DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS CREDIT FOR PROGRESS AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS. "IT APPEARS THAT AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE HAS BORNE FRUIT DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS AFTER THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS ENTERED A DEADLOCK AND WAS ABOUT TO COLLAPSE. AMERICA'S DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS, INTENSIFIED, CONTRARY TO THE SITUATION AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE CRISIS, HAVE FINALLY REACHED A PEAK."

2. WHAT WAS SURPRISING WERE THE CONCESSIONS OFFERED BY TURKEY. KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS THINK THAT WHAT TURKEY OFFERED WAS THE LOGICAL OUTCOME AFTER THE U.S. DECIDED TO PUT HER WEIGHT BEHIND FINDING A QUICK PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PRESIDENT NIXON ALSO SENT AN URGENT MESSAGE TO THE GREEK PREMIER IN WHICH HE CONFIRMED THE U.S.'S FULL SUPPORT AND CONCERN FOR GREECE.

4. WHAT MAY MAKE US FEEL SO COMFORTABLE IS THAT THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL WILL PAY HIS SCHEDULED VISIT TO TUNISIA WHICH HE HAD CANCELLED AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE CRISIS. THIS
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MEANS THAT AMERICAN PRESSURE ON BOTH SIDES PROMISES AN OVERALL

DETENTE AND CONTINUATION OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON
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